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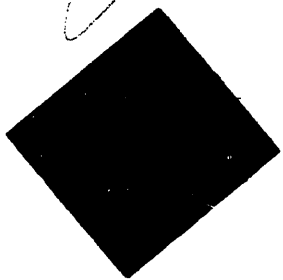
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<p>E426 /48/G</p> <p>Mr Fowler Tequicapa 3</p> <p>dated 11 Jan Received 13 Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Illegal immigration: S.S. Abio</p> <p>Refs to F.O. 4 (E379/84/31) Reports that H.F.A. and H/W have telegraphed Honduran Consul in New York to inform Type Shipping Co that Abio's shipping certificate does not cover journey from Marseilles to Palestine.</p>	
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DEPARTMENTAL NO:1

FROM TEGUCIGALPA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Fowler.
No.3

D. 12.40 p.m. 11th January, 1947

11th January, 1947. R. 9.15 p.m. 11th January, 1947

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IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No.4. NP - 275

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of War have today telegraphed Hondurasean Consul General New York instructing him to inform Tyre [sic] Shipping Company immediately that provisional certificate of registry extended by Ministry of War here to M.S. Abril does not authorise it to sail from Marseilles to Palestine and that if it does, certificate will be cancelled.

2. Honduras has no Consular Officer in Marseilles and only honorary consul in Paris and Bordeaux. There is no diplomatic representative.

3. Please repeat to Marseilles and wherever necessary as I do not possess the necessary recyphering tables.

[Repeated to Marseilles telegram No.7.].

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DEPARTMENTAL No: 1

FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul
No: 17

D.7.10.p.m.17th January 1947

17th January 1947

R.9.45.p.m.17th January 1947

Repeated to Paris No: 14

X:X:X:

IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No: 7.

Abril at port de Bouc. Malta informed,
please repeat to posts interested.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]

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*I repeat this -
has been led up over 12 hours
many prisoners & apparatus
between
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TELEGRAM FROM

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E 432/48/31.

Lord Inverchapel
Washington

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10. Jan 1947

13. Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration from U.S.

Refers Washington tel 143 (E 207/48/31).
 At Press Conference on Jan 7. Mr. Byrnes referred
 to the representations Lord Inverchapel had
 made to him and stressed particularly
 the point about tax exemption saying
 he was going to refer the advertisement
 to the Treasury.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel
No. 173

D. Untimed 10th January 1947.

10th January 1947. R. 7.20 a.m. 11th January 1947.

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My telegram No. 43.

E. 207/48/31

At his Press Conference on January 7th Mr. Byrnes referred to the representations I had made to him and stressed particularly the point about tax exemption saying he was going to refer the advertisements to the Treasury.

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Registry
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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

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M Robertson

MANAGUA

2. Janing

23. Dec 1946

13. Jan 1947

Legal Immigration, Nicaraguan Visa.
 Refer Managua Touring W-1 - (E 86/48/31)
 Transmit revised list of Nicaraguan
 consular posts in Europe authorized to
 grant visas after reference to Nicaraguan
 Mty of Foreign Affairs

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Have we all the replies now?

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM MANAGUA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Robertson
No. 2 Saving

R. 12.10 p.m. 13th January 1947

23rd December 1946

Repeated to The Hague	}	Paris	}	Saving
Prague		Bucharest		
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Belgrade		Athens		

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My savingram No. 1 of 16th December, 1946.

Following is revised list of Nicaraguan consular posts in Europe authorised to grant visas after reference to the Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Affairs:-

Belgium,	Consul General	Antwerp,
Denmark,	" "	Copenhagen
France,	Minister and Consul General Consul	Paris, Marseilles,
Greece,	Consul	Athens,
Hungary,	Consul	Budapest,
Italy,	Consul	Milan,
Spain	Consul General, Consul, Consul Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul, Consul,	Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, Cadix, subordinate to Barcelona, Girona, Gijon, Granada, Malaga, subordinate to Barcelona, Santander, Sevilla, Vigo
Sweden,	Consul General,	Stockholm.
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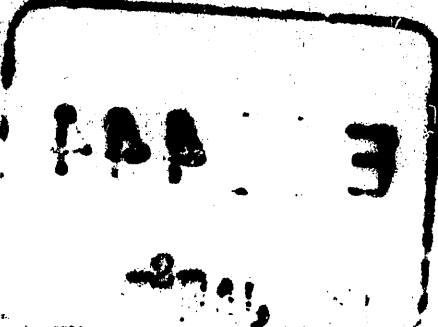
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Switzerland,	Consul,	Berne
United Kingdom	Consul,	London
	Consul	
	General	Liverpool,

2. In the occupied zones of Europe and Asia, visas authorised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be in conformity with the regulations of the occupying country and in accordance with the general regulations on the subject.

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E 445/48/G		Illegal immigration from France			
Mr Duff Cooper Paris 9 Jan. Dated 10 Jan Received 13 Jan.		Refs to Nice to 1 (E 557/48/G) Reports that MFA maintain that no Jews have entered France above normal quota arrangements. Reports arrangements regarding "Heira" and "Uma".			
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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper

No. 9 Saving

10th January, 1947

R. 3.20 p.m. 11th January, 1947

Repeated to Nice
Marseilles

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Nice telegram No.1. - XF

Ministry for Foreign Affairs maintain that this group entered France under normal quota arrangements. They have requested Ministry of Interior to ensure that visa for country of ultimate destination is referred to them for checking. "Merica" will, they say, be kept under supervision, but we have pointed out that, according to our information, this vessel, like the "Ulua", has already left Marseilles.

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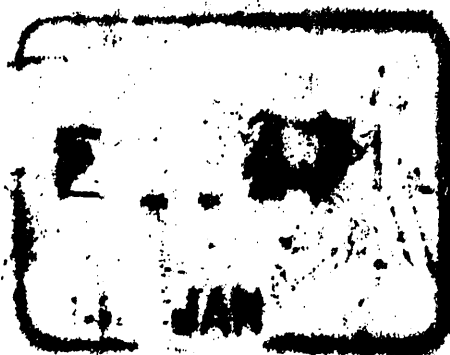
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Registry
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FROM

No.

Dated

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E 441/48/21

Embassy

Washington

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G. 21-147

8 Jan 1947

14 Jan 1947

Press Advertisements, U.S.A. Fund for
Illegal Immigration.

Repr Washington tel H 3 (207/48/11) of Jan 4
Encloses copy of letter from Lord Gaverlapel
to Mr Byrnes dated Jan 8 enclosing 4 examples
of press advertisements, soliciting money for
organizing illegal immigration into Palestine
and for support of terrorist underground
organizations there.

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Mr Beelen ^{203.17/}
N. American Dept.

12 Jan 16

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British Embassy

January 8th,, 1947.

E 207/45/11

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of letter to Mr. Byrnes, dated January 8th, 1947	Advertisements soliciting money for illegal immigration into Palestine.

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**PERSONAL
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Ref. G.2/ /47

January 8th, 1947

My dear Secretary of State,

As you will remember, I told you on Saturday that Mr. Bevin had asked me to call your attention to the advertisements which have appeared in the American press soliciting money for organising illegal immigration into Palestine and for the support of the terrorists' underground organisations there.

In his telegram Mr. Bevin said that the Cabinet had again considered the Palestine question very carefully and were seriously disturbed about the whole situation. He pointed out that one result of the recent World Zionist Congress in Basle had been to place control of the Zionist movement chiefly in the hands of United States nationals. He was particularly

The Honourable
James F. Byrnes,
Secretary of State
of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

anxious/

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charitable or as being in some way in the public interest, though the promotion of illegal immigration and, still less, the strengthening of terrorist forces can scarcely be embraced by charity or the public interest.

At the same time another sort of activity is developing within the United States which bids fair to have consequences just as serious, namely, the chartering, manning and despatching of ships from American ports for the illegal immigration traffic. The vessel "Abril", believed to have been purchased from the United States Maritime Commission earlier in the month, sailed from the port of New York under the Honduran flag on the 24th December to engage in this traffic.

As you know, the Zionist Congress at Basle itself strongly condemned terrorism. Furthermore, leading Zionists in this country and elsewhere regard such bodies as the American League for a Free Palestine and the Palestine Resistance Committee as injurious to their cause and deprecate their activities. Rabbi Silver tells me that the United States Zionist

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TEXT OF ADVERTISEMENT APPEARING IN THE NEW YORK
POST OF THE 29th APRIL, 1946.

IT TAKES GUTS!

The underground railway to Palestine is rolling. Thanks to you - thanks to your dollars - men, women and children from the blood-stained ghettos of Europe are crossing borders, pushing through blockades, reaching the coast of Europe. The trickle is beginning to swell to a mass movement.

Only a mass movement with unbroken rhythm can force the gates of Palestine.

There are still 1,500,000 Hebrew in Europe today. And they are waiting for a chance to go home - to Palestine. Anyone who compels them to stay in the ghettos of Europe signs the death warrant of these people. Read your newspapers!

The pattern for saving them exists. It's still your money that counts. With American dollars they can move to the sea. The underground knows how to buy or charter ships which will take them to Palestine, where the Resistance Forces prepare beachheads on which they land. This is their only chance.

The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry may recommend transfer of 100,000 - one-fifteenth of the Hebrews in Europe - to Palestine. Even if this happens, it means abandoning the other 1,400,000 human beings. There can be no quota in the right to live.

We do not propose to abandon these people because another Commission may recommend a skimpy quota. There have been commissions of inquiry in the past; there will probably be more in the future. We say that nothing will be done, not even for the possible 100,000, if Americans quit now and let the bridge to Palestine collapse.

The fact remains that the only Hebrews who have been fortunate enough to get to Palestine are those who organised themselves to brave the frontier guards in Europe, the British Navy in the Mediterranean, British bayonets in the Holy Land. Their number is not large yet because they have received small help against such odds. But today, with American dollars pitted against British arms, the number is increasing and will continue to increase.

Men, women and children are assembled, waiting at the ports of Southern Europe. They are not waiting for commissions, reports, promises, quotas.

They are waiting for you.

The number who will reach Palestine next week, or next month, depends on you.

It costs \$250 to move one Hebrew from Europe to the only home that waits for him. So - let's get them there.

Words won't carry the Hebrews to Palestine. Ships will. Give us the money - it will get the ships.

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ADVERTISEMENT APPEARING IN THE NEW
YORK POST OF THE 29th JULY, 1946

MR. PRESIDENT,

YOU ARE BEING DOUBLECROSSED!

While our chief executive, backed up by the complete acclaim and power of the entire American people, repeatedly urges a course of action to save human lives, and fails to make the slightest dent, there must be something radically wrong. Almost a year ago, on August 31, 1945, you called on Great Britain to admit 100,000 Hebrews into Palestine. In the past eleven months plenty has been spent and done to frustrate your humane and modest proposal.

There has been a monumental conspiracy to thwart your request, your intentions and your directives in this matter. The delay has been accomplished by planting every known and diplomatic booby trap along the road of your gallant quest to help the survivors of Hitler's concentration camps: There had been inquiries, committees, parleys, exchanges, and the usual hollow promises.

The current negotiations in London have completely abandoned your specific directive to implement your recommendation that 100,000 be moved to Palestine. Instead they introduced an abortive plan which has nothing whatever to do with bringing one person to Palestine, but which would dismember that country and shrink the 45,000 square miles defined as Hebrew territory by the League of Nations Mandate down to 1,500 square miles - the size of an Indian reservation.

You originally committed the United States to join consultations with Britain not to subscribe to further delay, not to plan the vivisection of Palestine, but because you want to get a job done. MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE BEING DOUBLECROSSED.

The cynical postponements which have prevented the carrying out of your plan have had disastrous results - continuing pogroms in Poland and virtual civil war in Palestine. The American people cannot share in such a policy. We don't want to get in deeper in this program of folly which makes us accomplices in a dastardly crime, for delay in this matter is measured in blood.

We Americans are tired of pogroms that never would have taken place had the gates of Palestine been opened.

We are tired of warnings that the "Arab World" will make "Holy War" if one more Hebrew reaches freedom.

We are tired of reading about the regal hospitality accorded the Nazi-Mufti at a time when Hebrews, who fought against the Axis, are held in DP camps.

We are tired of seeing pictures of the last Nazi soldier going home to build his house and open his business alongside another picture of the Hebrew who just died because he was still locked up with his murderers in Germany and Poland, a year-and-a-half after "liberation".

We are tired of ruthless Colonial armies which leave no way for the Palestinian to survive but by fighting.

And we don't like the insults to the heroic Hebrews,

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inherent in the entire Attlee-Bevin policy, any more than we like the insults heaped upon you, Mr. President, by their crude delays and false promises.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE BEING DOUBLECROSSED, not only by Downing Street intriguers, but also by American officials who have scuttled the directives of their President and swallowed the British scheme right down to the hilt. Mr. President, it is high time to act; future statements will be fatuous at this point. We urge you to lead the way along the only decent course left open to the humane government of a civilized people.

I. Complete rejection of the British GHETTO PLAN FOR PALESTINE which has been put forth purely as a time consuming stall.

II. Negotiations with Britain regarding the admission of 100,000 to Palestine have become downright pernicious. The expense of maintaining these people in the Occupation Zone has fallen on the American taxpayer to the tune of many millions, and the burden of policing this unnatural situation has fallen on the American Army.

It now becomes clearly justified for the United States to directly assist the efforts of thousands of Hebrews to reach Palestine. During the past year about 8,000 of these people got out of Europe and crossed the Mediterranean to the only home that waits for them by the most heart-breaking personal efforts. Army trucks and ships should be placed at their disposal so that ten times as many will reach Palestine in the next few months.

General Joseph T. McNarney, Commander of the Army Occupation Forces, recently stated: "The sooner we get the migration to Palestine under way, the better".

Palestine is not British. It never has been and it must never become British territory. It is the sacred territory of the Hebrew nation and as such has been guaranteed by all the Allied Governments, including the United States.

Mr. President, we feel the Hebrew people in Europe have waited, suffered and died long enough. Further appeals to the British would be dilly-dallying on our part. Let us implement our good intentions by doing that which is imperative, instead of permitting an illegal, immoral situation to drag on.

The million-and-a-half Hebrews in Europe are waiting in blood-soaked ghettos, in DP camps, on the highways, and in the seaports. They are waiting for a sign from the United States, from you, Mr. President, that they are not being abandoned but given the fundamental right to live in dignity and freedom.

LET'S TAKE ACTION

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE IS DETERMINED TO BRING ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF HEBREWS TO PALESTINE WITHOUT WAITING FOR BRITISH CONSENT. HELP OUR EFFORTS AT THIS TIME OF CRISIS. GIVE US THE MEANS NECESSARY FOR THIS CONCRETE ACTION. RESOLUTIONS AND PROTESTS HAVE FAILED. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS FOOD, TRUCKS, AND SHIPS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL BE ON THE MOVE.

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CONTRIBUTE AND GET YOUR FRIENDS TO CONTRIBUTE.
DON'T LET YOUR HAPPY SUMMER VACATION CAUSE ADDITIONAL DELAY TO
THE SUFFERERS IN EUROPE. SEND YOUR CHECK NOW!

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC.
25 West 45th Street, New York 19, N.Y. - BR. 9-4600.

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American League for a Free Palestine
25 West 45th Street, New York 19, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Here is my help. I am enclosing
my contribution in the amount of \$
\$

NAME			
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Please make checks payable to Mrs. Louis Untermyer, Treasurer.

By a ruling of Treasury Dept. Contributions
to this Organisation are Tax Exempt.

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Article in New York Post, Wednesday,
September 25th, 1946.

THIS MAN WAS MURDERED --

Firing point blank into a shipload of refugees is the latest exploit of the British Navy.

On September 22, the British Navy intercepted a frail vessel, the "Palmach", off the coast of Palestine. Aboard were hundreds of survivors of Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps. For three days they had had no drinking water.

The British marines opened fire as they boarded the vessel, and in addition used tear-gas grenades. Many Hebrews were injured. One Hebrew refugee - an anonymous human being who escaped Hitler's death sentence - was killed.

This man was murdered. And we say that the wanton murder of a Hebrew refugee about to enter his own country - Palestine constitutes a crime, just as unlawful, as barbaric and as primitive as any committed by the Gestapo and Himmler's Schutz-Staffel.

The fact that such killings have the sanctimonious blessing of the foreign policy of Bevin and Attlee does not lessen the crime. It only heightens the moral responsibility.

The fact that the marines who pumped lead into refugees salute the Union Jack instead of the Swastika does not alter the fact that another Hebrew has been killed in cold blood for no other reason than that he is a Hebrew.

This anonymous victim was a member of a nation without recognition, without official status, without a voice of its own. He made an easy target for a Nazi monster or a blind empire.

The American people must be his voice. You who read this message must see to it that killing Hebrew refugees does not again become a sport like shooting fish in a barrel.

We, the American League for a Free Palestine, would be lying if we feigned surprise at this murder. Every child knows that current British policy in Palestine has already brought death to scores of innocent men, women and children.

British troops murdered a man yesterday. They killed dozens of others the day before. Inevitably, they will kill more today and still more tomorrow, unless your voice, and the voices of thousands like you are raised in protest. Unless the current British atrocity is repudiated by all civilized people, ships will be sunk and all their hopeless passengers will be drowned.

What the British do today and tomorrow in Palestine depends upon the force of American public opinion - depends on you.

Join the ranks of the American League for a Free Palestine! 130,000 Americans of all creeds and all political affiliations are letting the British Government know that the bullets they aim at a defenseless refugee ship stir immeasurable resentment in America.

Rage at the British will accomplish as little as pity for their Hebrew victims. Deeds are needed.

The Hebrews in Palestine and Europe are fighting for their survival, and the American League for a Free Palestine is dedicated to giving them all possible aid. Our aid is practical and tangible:-

1. We aid the repatriation of Hebrews into Palestine,
2. We back the Resistance,

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The number of Hebrews who will be murdered depends on your silence - and the number who will live depends on your action. Support and join the American League today.

**Please make checks payable to Mrs. Louis Untermeyer, Treas.
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ATTENTION!

Hundreds of thousands of American citizens have demanded that: DUE TO THE CRISIS IN PALESTINE THERE MUST BE FORMED A UNITED EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVE FIGHTERS AGAINST BRITISH OCCUPATION.

Therefore, we the undersigned organizations, acting on the request of our members and supporters, have united to make the following proclamation on the Palestine Resistance:

Proclamation

"We wish to make known to the people of the United States that there is a committee which is authorized to raise funds for the ACTIVE FIGHTERS of the Palestine Resistance. It is the PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMITTEE, Suite 304, 123 West 44th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

"This PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMITTEE is the *only* organization authorized to raise funds for the ACTIVE FIGHTERS of the heroic Jewish Underground. The PRC is in no way connected with the Jewish Agency.

One Purpose, One Program

"The PRC has only one purpose; one program—to support the ACTIVE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS in Palestine.

“We have our own organizational programs and our separate obligations which we shall continue to maintain.

“But we are united in supporting the PRC. We urge all our members, supporters and sympathizers to support the PRC.

"All those who wish to contribute to the ACTIVE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS should address the PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMITTEE.

“Fill out the coupon below. Send your contribution to the
PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMITTEE.

“The Jewish underground soldiers need help! Wounded need medicine, bandages, and surgical instruments! The Patriots in the field (and those in the prisons) need food as well as many other necessities required for successful, **ACTIVE RESISTANCE** to the British occupants and oppressors.

"None of the undersigned national organizations shall campaign for funds to help the ACTIVE FIGHTERS. The only authorized channel for this purpose is the PALESTINE RESISTANCE COMMITTEE which, although it has our full support and endorsement, is, however, completely independent and non-sectarian . . . it has no affiliation with the undersigned national organizations."

Six million Jews were slaughtered in Europe and no one came to their aid. Now the heroic armies in Palestine are fighting for the survivors.

In the name of decency – LET US HELP THEM!

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Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ in support of the
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E557148 PG. Mr Ashley Clarke Paris 24 Jan. Dated 14 Jan Received 16 Jan.	<p>Illegal immigrants entering France.</p> <p>Re: Nice to Paris No1 referring to Paris to 42 - not repeated. Reports entry into France of 600 Jews from Czechoslovakia and states that they are to leave Monaco on Jan 15.</p>	
Last Paper. E445.	(Minutes.) Copied as on E529 Both the Consul-General at Nice and the Embassy at Paris Paris have taken action with the respective French authorities about this party (see E529 and E445). The M.F.A. have promised to have the visas of ultimate destination checked before embarkation and the Harbour-master of Monaco has promised to stop the vessel if necessary.	
References.		
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(How disposed of.) 5) Mr Robertson M/S Mr Matheson Co. Mr Soda Adly Mr E Smith Adly 90/Jan		
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Next Paper. E585		We shall see what happens. H.S. Beint Jan 17 R/S 17/1

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Ashley Clarke.
No. 24 Saving.

14th January 1947.

R: 2.55 p.m. 15th January 1947

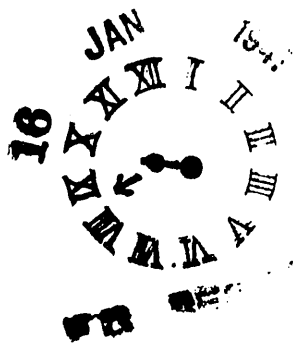
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Nice telegram to Paris No.1. of 3.1.47 repeated
Marseilles.

Your telegram No.42. 2 269/119/17

I learn from a reliable source that party of nearly
600 Jews from Czechoslovakia entered France December
14th via Strasbourg travelling on group passports bearing
visa of French Consul at Prague valid three months from
entry. They are now scattered, one group at Lyons.
They are in charge of Jean Rudvac, employee of Jewish
Refugees Welfare Society, 5, rue Chabanet - Paris,
director Colonel Irving Brown.

2. They are to leave Monaco about January 15th
in S.S. Merika now at [? grp omitted] under Italian flag
ostensibly for Cuba via Tangier.



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<p>20</p> <p>E 589 / 11286 / 48</p> <p>Mr. Trafford Smith C.O. to Mr. Barker 15/56/15/51/15/46 Dated 14 Jan Received 16 Jan.</p>		<p>Palestine</p> <p>EASTERN</p> <p>E 589 / G</p> <p>17 JAN 1947</p>
<p>Illegal immigration</p> <p>Repe to F.O. letter (E 11286/7656/9) States that C.O. would prefer not to produce a general account of immigration activities but will provide any brief of any particular aspect.</p>		
<p>Last Paper. E 588</p> <p>References.</p>		<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>I think we shall have to let this lie for the time being.</p> <p>H.B. Bailey 17/1</p> <p>R. J. Varman 17/1</p> <p>Wm. 18/1</p>
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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

14th January, 1947.

Dear Baxter,

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your Top Secret letter E.11286/7656/G of the 3rd of December, and your earlier letter of the 31st of October on the subject of illegal Zionist activities.

You may have heard from Beeley that I spoke to him on the telephone about this question of producing a clear and comprehensive account of the illegal activities of Zionists in recent times, and gathered from him that, while the Foreign Office see advantages in preparing this account, they probably would not wish to press it if the Colonial Office saw difficulties

I have now had an opportunity of discussing the whole question with higher authority here. Our feeling generally is that, interesting and useful though the production of a comprehensive Zionist crime-sheet would be, the staff and time we should have to devote to such a project at the present would probably be better employed on more directly urgent current matters. As you will of course know from your own experience, briefs of this nature, produced with no particular object in view, almost always have to be re-cast and adapted when the occasion does arise for their use. If therefore you will let us off the production of the general account you had in mind, we will of course undertake to provide any brief on any particular aspect of the problem which may be required on

C.W. Baxter, Esq., C.M.G., M.C.

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on a particular occasion. I hope that it will be satisfactory to you to leave the matter there.

✕ As regards the Histadrut advertisement referred to in your letter of the 3rd of December, you will no doubt by now have seen Higham's letter to Beith on the subject, and the copy of Mr. Creech Jones's personal message to Mr. Bevin in which he raised the whole question of American funds for illegal immigration, and drew particular attention to Rabbi Silver's admission. ✕

Yours sincerely,

Harold Smith

xps. I understand that this question has since been taken up with Mr. Byrnes in Washington on Mr. Bevin's instructions

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Paris
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British.....Embassy,.....

.....Paris.....

.....14th..Jan., 1947....

Reference to previous correspondence:

F.O. tel. no. 53 of 8th Jan. 1947.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Aide Mémoire to the My. for Foreign Affairs of 13th Jan. 1947.	Immigration vessel the "Ulua". E590 1947

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As the Ministry are aware, it is reported that the "Ulna" left Marseilles on 2nd January, possibly for Sète and La Ciotat, where illegal immigrants to Palestine may be preparing to embark on this vessel.

His Majesty's Embassy have been instructed to express the hope that the French authorities will take all possible steps to examine the "Ulna" if she calls at any French port, and if she is armed, to impound her.

British Embassy,

Paris.

15th January, 1947.

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PALESTINE

E 707
21 JAN

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Registry Number E707/48/31.
TELEGRAM FROM
No. 41 Roberts.
Dated Lima.
Received in Registry 2 Jan 1947
21 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Peruvian Visas.
Refers 70 to 25 Savings (E10454/7656/31)
Gives visas regulations governing entry
into Peru. No collective visas are granted.
Given list of Peruvian officials authorized
to grant visas.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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En Clair

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM LIMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Roberts
No. 2 SAVING

3rd January, 1947. R. 11.50 a.m. 20th January, 1947.

Repeated to: The Hague Saving,
Paris Saving,
Prague Saving,
Bucharest Saving,
Budapest Saving,
Moscow Saving,
Warsaw Saving,
Rome Saving,
Belgrade Saving,
Athens Saving.

... 25/2 - E 10454/7656/31

Your telegram No. 35 paragraph three (a).

Reference to Lima is necessary in all cases except those of businessmen and tourists and in both these categories the applicants must be clearly recognisable as substantial people. Such visas are endorsed either (i) "Visita de Negocios-no inmigrante" or (ii) "Tourista - 90 dias". Visas for immigrants are granted only on the application of a prospective employer in Peru or to persons with relations here. Such visas are endorsed "Empleado contratado" or "Inmigrante".

2. (3b). There are at present no special regulations in regard to the admittance of (i) Jews (ii) refugees and (iii) stateless persons. There are no collective visas. There is however undoubted reluctance to add to the number of Jewish immigrants admitted since 1932. Visas issued to Jews may therefore always be viewed with considerable suspicion. The only genuine visas which would be likely to be granted to such persons would be to applicants who have prosperous relations here. There would however be reference in such cases and we could always verify the authenticity thereof upon telegraphic request.

3. (3c). The following Peruvian officials are authorised to grant visas:-

Belgium
France.

Consul-General at Antwerp.
Consul-General at Bordeaux.
Consul at Le Havre.
Consul-General at Marseilles.
Consul at Nice.
Consul-General at Paris

Holland.

Consul-General at Amsterdam.
Consul-General at Rotterdam.

Italy.



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Italy. Consul-General at Genoa.
 Norway. Consul-General at Oslo.
 Portugal. Consul-General at Lisbon.
 Spain. Consul-General at Barcelona.
 Consul at Madrid.
 Sweden Consul at Goteborg.
 Switzerland. Legation at Berne.
 Consul-General at Lausanne.
 Consul-General at Zurich.
 United Kingdom. Consul-General at Liverpool.
 Consul at Glasgow.
 Consul-General at London.

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Consul General
Nice.

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6 Jan 1947

21 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration.

Report Ignat Lwai Kumi is showing some
activity in Nice area, and has contacted
an appeal to the French people and their
authorities, copy attached, M. Dubois,
Director of Police is convinced that smuggling
of arms was going on, but has not been
able to lay hands on any of the cargo.

Last Paper.

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THE British Consul General at Nice
presents his compliments to H.M. Secretary of State
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British..Consulate..General,

.....Nice,..A.M.,.....

.....France.....

6th January....., 1947.....

Reference to previous correspondence:

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
NICE A.M.

SECRET

6th January, 1947

No.2-P

Sir,

With reference to my telegram No.14 Saving of the 27th November regarding illicit Jewish immigration into Palestine, I have the honour to report that the Irgoun Zwei Leumi is showing some activity in this area and has circulated an appeal to the French people and their authorities, a copy of which is attached to this despatch.

2. It was shown me by Monsieur Dubois, Departmental Director of Police, and was the copy which reached the Prefect of the Alpes Maritimes.

3. Monsieur Dubois is inquiring into the organization and has promised to give me any further information that he receives.

4. He told me that he was convinced that smuggling of arms was going on but he had not been able to lay his hands on any of the cargoes which he thinks have passed. The route taken would be from Bordighera to some quiet point in Cap Martin or Cap Ferrat, and the traffic was probably being carried on by some of the agents who worked for us during the resistance. The Police are apt not to be very energetic in such matters, because they are not sure whether one of the political parties in France is not behind the movement and they are unwilling to show too much activity in case their names are noted for future revenge.

5. Monsieur Dubois was an active Résistant during the early part of the war and eventually escaped to the United Kingdom, where he worked in collaboration with the British organization. He is extremely friendly and communicated the substance of my telegram No.1 of 3rd January.

6. A copy of this despatch is being sent to London.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's
most obedient,
humble Servant,

(sgd) E.C. Hole

His Excellency,
His Majesty's Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Paris.

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APPEL AUX AUTORITES FRANCAISES !

APPEL AU PEUPLE FRANCAIS !

APPEL A TOUS LES HOMMES DE BONNE VOLONTE !

Le peuple juif a perdu au cours de la guerre mondiale six millions d'hommes, femmes et enfants, assassinés parce qu'ils se trouvaient en minorité dans tous les pays sous la domination hitlérienne et que dans sa folie de conquérant Hitler avait voulu donner aux Allemands un objet de haine afin de détourner leurs pensées du sort qui allait frapper les "surhommes" teutons. Hitler est vaincu, mais le poison hitlérien reste.

Dans toute l'Europe orientale, les Juifs sont victimes des passions politiques. Les restes des Juifs de ces pays se voient l'enjeu des groupes opposés qui luttent pour la domination du pouvoir. Les uns voient dans les Juifs les agents du capitalisme impérialiste, les autres le considèrent comme porteurs du virus bolchévique. De cette lutte qui n'est pas la leur, les Juifs n'ont que faire. Ils ne veulent pas mourir, ils sont las des programmes dont ils sont constamment l'objet. Ils veulent enfin être chez eux dans leur pays et s'y gouverner comme ils l'entendent. Voici le sens du gigantesque mouvement de rapatriement qui s'étend à toute l'Europe.

Cependant, la Grande-Bretagne, à laquelle 53 nations, y compris la France, avaient confié à l'issue de la guerre 1914/18 le mandat sur la Palestine, mandat qui devait aboutir à la création d'un Foyer National Juif et au retour massif des Israélites dans leur ancienne patrie, s'oppose à ce mouvement de libération d'un peuple.

N'acceptant pas d'être réduite au rang d'une puissance secondaire, la Grande-Bretagne s'allie dans le monde entier au fascisme, et à la réaction internationale et tâche ainsi de préserver ses conquêtes. En Palestine elle aide les chefs féodaux arabes et pour tenter de dresser le monde arabe contre l'Union Soviétique, sacrifie le peuple juif qui a si vaillamment combattu aux côtés des Alliés.

La Palestine Juive, démocratique et socialiste, où l'ouvrier juif aussi bien que l'Arabe vivent dans une existence digne, la Palestine Juive, indépendante de toute influence étrangère, doit devenir, d'après les agents de l'Intelligence-Service, un état policier où la dictature brutale de sa Majesté britannique pourrait à sa guise exploiter les hommes, le pétrole et les richesses minérales et agricoles destinées à gorger les vastes entrailles britanniques.

L'Angleterre a suscité depuis 1920 la haine des Juifs parmi certaines communautés arabes, de la même façon qu'elle faisait assassiner les Français en Syrie par des agents payés. L'Angleterre divise les peuples du Moyen-Orient pour régner sur eux. Elle se pose aujourd'hui en arbitre entre Juifs et Arabes de la même façon qu'elle se posait, il y a quelque temps, comme arbitre entre Français et Syriens avec le résultat que l'on sait.

L'Angleterre ne connaît ni scrupules, ni lois, ni conscience. Elle n'a pas d'amis, ni d'ennemis, elle n'a que ses intérêts.

En 1939, la Grande-Bretagne a introduit le "Livre Blanc", un recueil de lois qui interdisait aux Juifs l'entrée en Palestine. Et c'est parce que les portes de la Palestine leur étaient fermées pendant la guerre que les Juifs d'Europe ne purent se sauver de l'enfer nazi. Elle a refusé aux pilotes juifs de bombardier les chambres à gaz de Auschwitz et de retarder au moins de cette façon le massacre des Juifs. Elle ne voulait pas avoir après la guerre des candidats pour l'immigration en Palestine.

De ce crime de complicité dans le meurtre, de cette alliance avec Hitler dans sa guerre d'extermination des Juifs, nous n'accusons pas le peuple anglais. Il est maintenu dans l'ignorance par la clique réactionnaire du Foreign Office, du Colonial Office et de l'Intelligence Service. La presse anglaise déforme et cache la vérité. Elle parle d'immigration "illégal" juive en Palestine lorsque les Anglais y sont illégalement.

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Détestés par les Juifs et les Arabes, les militaires britanniques en Palestine s'y conduisent comme en pays conquis. Ils osent interdire l'accès de leur patrie aux Juifs. Ils osent déporter ceux qui rentrent chez eux. Ils osent condamner à mort, tuer, fusiller et massacrer ceux qui hier combattaient à leur côté. Ils osent demander aux autres pays de les aider dans leur besogne infâme de bourreaux. Mais qu'on ne se laisse pas abuser. C'est l'Anglais qui est illégalement en Palestine pour sauvegarder de sordides intérêts impériaux et non pas les Juifs. C'est Churchill lui-même qui dit en 1922, lorsqu'on comptait encore attirer les Juifs dans l'orbite des intérêts britanniques : " Il faut que l'on sache que le Juif est en Palestine de plein droit et non pas par tolérance". Les Français sauront juger eux-mêmes qui doit gouverner en Palestine, qui a le droit de contrôler l'immigration :

La Grande-Bretagne se trompe en croyant venir à bout de la Résistance Juive. Inspirés par l'exemple héroïque des mouvements de Résistance Français et par la tradition d'Israël qui pendant cette guerre fut le premier à se révolter ouvertement contre les Allemands dans la bataille du ghetto de Varsovie, les jeunes Juifs de Palestine ont pris les armes. Pour la reconquête de leur patrie, pour que la Palestine devienne l'Etat Juif, ils sont prêts à tous les sacrifices. Des centaines de prisonniers de la Résistance Juive en Palestine sont condamnés à mort par les tribunaux de l'occupant britannique, mais accueillent le verdict en chantant l'hymne national juif. Pour chaque combattant tombé, dix autres se présentent. Il faut soutenir moralement et aider ceux qui luttent pour la liberté et le droit à la vie.

Français! Apportez aux combattants de Palestine votre soutien moral! Aidez les immigrants clandestins qui veulent rejoindre leur pays. Laissez passer les transports d'hommes et d'armes pour la Palestine! Refusez de dénoncer ceux qui ne demandent rien d'autre que la liberté! La France a toujours été du côté des opprimés. C'est suivre la tradition française. Ce n'est pas la France de 1946 qui jouera le rôle de dénonciateur anonyme que les Anglais voudraient lui faire jouer.

Aux Juifs de France nous disons : Unissez-vous dans les rangs des combattants pour la liberté! Ceux qui versent leur sang en Palestine combattent pour vous! L'Unité dans la Résistance nous apportera la victoire.

A BAS L'OPRESSEUR BRITANNIQUE EN PALESTINE !
VIVE L'ETAT JUIF !
VIVE LA FRANCE !

IRGOUN ZWEI LEOUNI
(ORGANISATION NATIONALE MILITAIRE DE RESISTANCE JUIVE)

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<p>EY36/48/G</p> <p>Marseilles 18</p> <p>Dated 17 Van Received 21 Van</p>	<p>Illegal immigration from Marseilles area</p> <p>Reports that Mexico left on 17 Van ostensibly for Tunis.</p>	
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul
No: 18

17th January 1947

R. 9.45.p.m.17th January 1947

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IMMEDIATE

Jewish immigration. Merica left this morning ostensibly for Tunis. Malta and Nice informed.

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D: 11.0 a.m. 18th January 1947

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My telegram No. 18. *L*

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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General.

No. 20.

D. 2.55. p.m.

18th January 1947.

18th January 1947.

R. 6.20. p.m.

18th January 1947.

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My telegram No. 17.

Report received (source Lockharts) clearly indicated Abril prepared to embark Jews [gp. undec.]

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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General
No. 22

D. 5.20.p.m. 20th January 1947.

20th January 1947.

R. 8.50.p.m. 20th January 1947.

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My telegram No. 19. *E/g.*

It is now confirmed that Merica left Sete January 18th
nominally for Cuba with 647 Jews on board.

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H.M. Ambassador,
Rome 210

2 HMA Athens.
Telegram. 228

No. . .

Dated. 28/1/47

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Departmental No. 1

Copy to:

Colonial Office.

M. I. 5.

Admiralty

(usual names)

29 January, 1947.

Despatched 11.50a M.

TOP SECRET

~~We are confidentially informed that~~
Illegal Jewish immigrant ship "Merica"
and other vessels engaged in the traffic
may put in, or have already put in, at
or Greek
Italian port owing to bad weather.

Please do anything you can to prevent
their onward passage.

13 Jan 28

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ROME NO. 219

ATHENS NO. 228

28th January, 1947. D. 11.50 a.m. 29th January, 1947.
Repeated to Paris No. 186 Saving.

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TOP SECRET.

Illegal Jewish immigrant ship "Merica" and other
vessels engaged in the traffic may put in, or have already
put in, at Italian or Greek port owing to bad weather.
Please do anything you can to prevent their onward passage.

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26 31 EY3Y /48/G		Palestine EASTERN	EY3Y /G
Marseilles 21 Dated 20 Jan Received 21 Jan		Illegal immigration in Marseilles area Reports that San Hiquel arrived on 19 Jan flying Panama flag.	
Last Paper. (EY36)		(Minutes.)	
References.		Copy CO. M15 Adly. } usual names 13 Jan 23 3 Feb.	
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Jewish immigration.

San Miguel flying Panama flag arrived Marseilles
January 19th from Oran. Malta informed.

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My telegram No. 21.

Jewish immigration.

San Miguel left Marseilles February 1st in ballast
for Oren. Malta informed.

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		Palestine	EY44 /G
		EASTERN	22 JAN 1947
27	31	EY44 /48/G.	
Mr Duff Cooper Paris of		Illegal immigration in Hasselt area	
dated 21 Jan Received 22 Jan		Refs to Paris 30 Jan (E690/48/G) Reports information that 647 Jews left Sate in "Mexico" on 18 Jan. States that enquiries are being made.	
Last Paper. (EY37)		(Minutes.)	
References.		We are not getting anywhere at present with the French on this question. The Embassy are doing their best but the French Min. of the Interior (as opposed to the Quai d'Orsay) are taking no steps to control the departure of illegal immigrants.	
(Print.)			
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8) C.O. Adly M15		usual names	
27 Jan		H.S. Beins Jan 22	
(Action completed.)	(Index.)		
27/2	up H.	The question of future action vis-a-vis the French Authorities has been discussed with Mr Ashley Clarke. It is for consideration whether the Embassy in Paris shall require any further instructions.	
Next Paper.		28888 F.O.P. now see E843 /G & action to Feb. 4	
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		Palestine	EY98 /G	54
28		EASTERN	23 JAN 1947	
EY98 /48/G		Illegal immigration: Sweden.		
Chancery, Stockholm to E. Dept. 54/3/47 Dated 15 Jan Received 23 Jan.		Refs to F.O. letter (E12222/7656/G) Report's interview at H.F.A regarding question of visas used by illegal immigrants.		
Last Paper.		(Minutes.)		
EY44		We are not always on strong ground, as this letter shows, in expecting foreign govt. to check visas of destination before departure. We had better not tell the French about Swedish practice! Refugee Dept. ^{Answer 27/} J.S. Beint Jan 24		
References.				
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BRITISH LEGATION,

STOCKHOLM.

54/3/47

15th January, 1947.

Dear Eastern Department,

Your letter Immediate E 12323/7656/G of December 23rd expressed the hope that the Swedes would insist on being shown valid visas of destination before they permitted shiploads of Jews to leave their country.

We approached the Head of the Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who deals with these matters, and he said that it would require an alteration in Swedish law. According to present law the Swedish authorities are not even empowered to look and see whether a person leaving the country has a visa for anywhere else or not. All the authorities are concerned with is that the obligations, financial or otherwise, to Sweden should have been fulfilled by those who wish to leave. They are not concerned with their destination or with anything that happens to them after they leave Swedish territory.

Monsieur Engzell, the Head of the Department concerned, pointed out that it would be necessary to institute an exit visa in order to comply with our wishes. He said that this could clearly not only be applied to Jewish immigrants but would have to apply to everybody and that it would involve an increase in personnel and an alteration in the law. He stated that during the war the Germans had made several attempts to force the Swedes to institute an exit visa to prevent Allied nationals or persons who had escaped from occupied countries from leaving Sweden. They were especially insistent at the time when M. Christmas Möller escaped from Denmark to Sweden in a small boat, but the Swedes had steadfastly refused to meet their wishes.

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Eastern Department,
Foreign Office.

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We do not think that there is anything more which we can ~~do to~~ persuade the Swedish authorities officially to do for us, but we shall continue to keep in touch with them and with some Jewish circles who disapprove of Zionism so that we may obtain early warning of any Exodus.

STOCKHOLM CHANCERY.

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		Palestine	E804 /G
29	31	EASTERN	23 JAN 1947
E 804 /48/G.		Selegal immigration : S.S. Ulua	
Mr Randall Copenhagen 44		Message for Admiralty reporting arrival of S.S. Ulua at Copenhagen on Jan 20.	
Dated 23 Jan Received 23 Jan			
Last Paper. EY98 (E590)		(Minutes.)	
References.		Copy co.) Adm.) M15) usual names 15 Jan 24	
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8) CO Adm M15 Schmitt			
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WAR OFFICE.

FROM COPENHAGEN TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Randall. D. 10.07 a.m. 23rd January, 1947.
No. 44.
23rd January, 1947. R. 10.41 a.m. 23rd January, 1947.

Repeated to Stockholm.

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Following for Admiralty, D.N.I. repeated to
Naval Attaché Stockholm from Head of British Naval
Mission Denmark.

S.S. Ulua under Honduras flag 412 tons arrived
Copenhagen January 20th from Havre bound Stockholm
shortly. Ship has recently been reconstructed to
carry many passengers most uncomfortably. Master
and many of the crew are Jews.

2. While it is rumoured the ship is to take
Jews from Sweden to Brazil, this may not be the case
and I suggest ship needs watching.

3. Photographs and further details will be
forwarded to the Admiralty by letter.

T.O.O. 22 1700 A.



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		Palestine	E843 /G
30 31 E 843 /48/9		25 1947	
Mr. Vennan Stockholm 62 Dated 24 Jan Received 25 Jan		Illegal immigration Refs to Copenhagen 60 44 (E804/48/9) Reports interview with Head of Political Dept of MFA regarding use of S.S. Mlua for illegal immigration.	
Last Paper. E 804		(Minutes.)	
References.		Distributed as usual to Adm. Co., MFA.	
(Print.)		The Swedes are taking the line that they have no obligation to check up on the visas of destination of Jews leaving their country. The French Ministry of the Interior have recently been taking a similar line. As our main basis for representations to European Governments designed to prevent the embarkation of Jewish illegal immigrants for Palestine is the assumption that, in present circumstances, friendly Governments can be expected to take such action, it would be useful to have the views of the Legal Adviser on this point.	
(How disposed of.)		I imagine it would be difficult to point to any international obligation which requires Governments to look into the validity of the visa of final destination of travellers leaving their country. This is a matter for the internal regulations of each country. The fact is, though, that, since the 1914-18 war, travel control has become increasingly strict and almost all countries now have a system of exit permits, which means that the visa of destination of a traveller leaving the country is more or less carefully scrutinised. Owing to the present intensive traffic in Jewish illegal immigration from European ports, we are justified in asking the Governments concerned to pay particular attention to the scrutiny of visas of destination of Jews leaving the country.	
8) M15 C.O. Adm. 4 Feb 8) Mr. Ashley Clarke Paris from Mr. Beith Feb. 6 8) Mr. Nigham C.O. P.T.O.		I fear that the legal basis for our representations in this sense is likely to be increasingly questioned and Eastern Department would therefore be grateful for any other legal arguments with which to support our case.	
(Action completed.) 8/12		Legal Adviser first.	
(Index.) 8/12		D. J. Beith BEITH 27th January, 1947.	
Next Paper. (E878)		Every. In general	

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In general there is no rule of international law which requires a State to concern itself with the destination of persons leaving its territory, ~~with a view to~~ ^{in order to} preventing illegal immigration into foreign countries. There is a duty on every State under international law to exercise due diligence to prevent persons within its territory from committing acts injurious to foreign States (Oppenheim International Law, 5th Edition, Vol.I., Page 294). This duty does not, however, extend to the prevention of all injurious acts which a private person might commit against a foreign State ^{and} in practice it appears to have been virtually limited to the prevention of such subversive activities as involve violence. Illegal immigration is not usually accompanied by violence; nor is it an act committed within the State from which the immigrant sets out; nor generally speaking is the injury caused to a State by the occasional illegal entry of persons into its territory so grave that the State affected can reasonably require other States to take active measures to prevent it. Moreover, a State would not normally be considered justified in prohibiting a person, particularly a foreigner, from leaving its territory unless such person were under some obligation, or had committed some offence, there necessitating his detention.

2. For the following reasons, however, it might be argued that exceptional circumstances do exist which give rise to a duty on foreign States to take active measures to prevent illegal immigration into Palestine:-

- (a) Illegal immigration promotes civil strife amongst the population of Palestine and gives rise to disturbances which cause loss of life and injury to persons and property.
- (b) It is on such a scale as to cause very serious embarrassment to the Government of Palestine.

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- 8) Mr Henderson, Stockholm
Mr Grey, The Hague
Mr Halcomb, Rome
Mr Clutton, Belgrade
Mr Reilly, Athens

6/1 Feb

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~~Mr Higham Co~~
~~Mr Dodd~~ Adly
Mr Chadwick His

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FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Jerram
No. 52

D. 2.03 p.m. 24th January 1947.

24th January 1947. R. 2.30 p.m. 24th January 1947.

Repeated to Copenhagen

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IMMEDIATE

E/G 25 JAN 1947

Copenhagen telegram No. 44 to you.

Suspected departure of Jews for Palestine.

In the absence of the Foreign Minister I approached the Head of Political Department again today emphasising our grave suspicion that these Jews were proposing to attempt illegal entry into Palestine. I repeated the information contained in your telegram No. 188 and stressed once more the point made in final paragraph of your Chancery letter of December 23rd. I also referred to the report in today's press that the "Ulle" is not fitted to carry so many passengers. I stressed again the responsibility of the Swedish Government to satisfy themselves that these persons were not leaving Sweden to infringe the regulations of a friendly country, regulations moreover which derive from our international obligations.

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2. M. Grafstrom repeated that Sweden had not agreed to prevent anybody from leaving Swedish territory and that there would be a great uproar in Sweden if that principle were in any way infringed. I repeated that what I was suggesting was rather that the departure should be delayed pending Sweden satisfying herself of the above.

3. M. Grafstrom said he thoroughly understood my grave anxiety but Sweden was in a very difficult position. He would immediately bring what I had said to the attention of the Swedish Government.

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Draft. J.G.S.B.
The Chancery,
Stockholm.

*Note on the legal
position.*

2 drafts

*J.G.S. Baint
Feb. 4*

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6 February, 1947.

Dear Chancery,
with reference to
~~On receipt of your telegram No. 52~~
of January 24th about Jewish illegal
immigration into Palestine, ~~we asked the~~
Legal Advisers for their views on the
legal basis of our representations to
European Governments regarding the
~~departure of illegal immigrant vessels.~~

~~We now enclose a copy of a note by the~~
~~Legal Advisers on the legal basis for representations to European Govts~~
~~which will give you some further~~
~~background. You may find it useful~~
~~regarding the departure of illegal immigrant vessels.~~

to employ the arguments contained in
paragraph 2 of this note in any further
discussions with the Swedish authorities.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th February, 1947.

(E 843/48/G)

Dear Chancery,

With reference to your telegram No.52 of the 24th January about Jewish illegal immigration into Palestine, we enclose a copy of a note by the Legal Advisers on the legal basis for representations to European Governments regarding the departure of illegal immigrant vessels.

You may find it useful to employ the arguments contained in paragraph 2 of this note in any further discussions with the Swedish authorities.

Yours ever,
Eastern Department.

The Chancery,
British Legation,
Stockholm.

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Draft.
Mr. Ashley Clarke,
Paris.

(From Mr. Beith)

*Note on the legal
position*

*J. J. Beith
Feb. 4*

*This is not a legal
case.*

Copy *Mr. H. L. L.*
Mr. Harrison, Brussels

Mr. J. T. Henderson,
Stockholm

Mr. Grey, The Hague

Mr. Malcolm, Rome

Mr. Clinton, Belgrade

Mr. Reilly, Athens

(without enclosure
to Stockholm: with
enc. to the rest)

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6 February, 1947.

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As a result of your recent call on the
Department and of your letter No. 74/19/47
of January 18th, we asked the Legal Adviser
to look into the legal basis of our
representations to foreign Governments on the
subject of the departure of illegal Jewish
immigrant ships. For your information,
we have encountered a similar attitude on the
part of the Swedish authorities to that of
the French Ministry of the Interior *in regard to
their obligation to prevent the departure of these ships.*
I now enclose a note by Evans of the

Legal Department setting out the legal
position: Beckett has commented that this is
the best case that can be made out, but
that he is not sure that it will bring the
Swedish and other Governments round. *the*
Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have *indeed*
informed our Minister that "Sweden had not
"agreed to prevent anybody from leaving Swedish
"territory and that there would be a great
"uproar in Sweden if that principle were in
"any way infringed". It seems to us that the
French, while refraining from directly question-
ing our right to recommend that illegal
immigrant ships should be held, have shown
by their failure to stop the ships that they
do not regard us as having a strong legal
basis for complaint.

In the circumstances, we recommend that
you should hold your fire until we have
details of the eventual arrival in Palestine
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waters of the two ships now on their way and that you should then make representations to the French Government based on these details and using the arguments contained in paragraph 2 of Evans' note. We have asked the Colonial Office to let us have the necessary ^{information} ~~details~~ as soon as ^{it is} ~~they are~~ available on the arrival of the ships.

As regards the question of the transit of Jewish illegal immigrants through France, we entirely agree with the recommendations contained in paragraph 8 of your letter under reference. Both in this matter and that of the departure of ships we feel that ~~monarchism~~ ~~the only hope of further progress~~ ~~is to persuade the French Govt.~~ ~~on a high level that the present illegal Jewish immigrant traffic~~ ~~is gravely embarrassing H.M.G.~~ ~~in the conduct of their Palestine mandate and that they look~~ ~~to the French Govt. to help them~~ ~~for that reason, and not because~~ ~~of any legal obligations.~~

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N.P. I am sending copies of this letter to Harrison at Brussels, Henderson at Stockholm, Grey at the Hague, Baily at Athens and Clutton at Belgrade.

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6th February, 1947.

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I now enclose a note by Evans of the Legal Department setting out the legal position: Beckett has commented that this is the best case that can be made out, but that he is not sure that it will bring the Swedish and other Governments round. The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have indeed informed our Minister that "Sweden had not agreed to prevent anybody from leaving Swedish territory and that there would be a great uproar in Sweden if that principle were in any way infringed". It seems to us that the French, while refraining from directly questioning our right to recommend that illegal immigrant ships should be held, have shown by their failure to stop the ships that they do not regard us as having a strong legal basis for complaint.

In the circumstances, we recommend that you should hold your fire until we have details of the eventual arrival in Palestine waters of the two ships now on their way and that you should then make representations to the French Government based on these details and using the arguments contained in paragraph 2 of Evans' note. We have asked the Colonial Office to let us have the necessary information as soon as it is available on the arrival of the ships.

As regards the question of the transit of Jewish illegal immigrants through France, we entirely agree with the recommendations contained in paragraph 8 of your letter under reference. Both in this matter and that of the departure of ships we feel that the only hope of further progress is to persuade the French Government on a high level that the present illegal Jewish immigrant traffic is gravely embarrassing His Majesty's Government in the conduct of their Palestine mandate and that His Majesty's Government look to the French Government to help them for that reason, quite apart from any legal obligations.

I am sending copies of this letter to Harrison at Brussels, Henderson at Stockholm, Grey at the Hague, Reilly at Athens and Clutton at Belgrade.

(J. G. S. Beith)

H.A. Clarke, Esq., C.M.G.,
Paris.

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BRITISH LEGATION,

STOCKHOLM.

20th February, 1947.

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My dear Beith,

In paragraph 2 of your letter to Ashley Clarke of February 6th you quote one of my telegrams as saying that "Sweden had not agreed to prevent anybody from leaving Swedish territory, etc." What my telegram No. 52 of January 24th actually said was "M. Grafström repeated that Sweden had no power to prevent anybody from leaving Swedish territory, etc."

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ashley Clarke.

Yours ever,

C. B. Ferram

J.G.S. Beith, Esq.,
Foreign Office.

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